

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A portable extender adapted for use by a visiting nurse, the extender comprising:
 - a video camera;
 - means for establishing a wireless data communication with a medical device implanted in a patient being visited by the nurse;
 - means for downloading diagnostic data from the medical device;
 - means for establishing a wireless data communication with a remote location;
 - means for downloading secure data corresponding to a treatment and prescription plan for the patient from the remote location; and
 - a touch screen coupled to and providing means for a user to activate the video camera, the means for establishing the wireless data communication with the medical device, the means for establishing a wireless data communication with the remote location, and the means for downloading the diagnostic data, and the means for downloading the secure data.
2. – 4. Cancelled
5. (Previously presented) The extender of claim 1 wherein the extender further comprises a means for transferring video images collected by the video camera to a remote location.
6. Cancelled
7. (Previously presented) The portable extender of claim 1, further comprising a GPS system.
8. Cancelled

9. (Currently amended) The portable extender of claim 1, further comprising means to transfer the diagnostic data to ~~a~~the remote location

10. - 14. Cancelled

15. (Previously presented) The extender of claim 1, further comprising a cell phone including a microphone.

16. (Previously presented) The extender of claim 1, further comprising a data storage disk.

17. (Previously presented) The extender of claim 1, further comprising computer implemented software for planning and organizing a daily schedule of patient visits for the visiting nurse.

18-20. Cancelled

Please ADD the following NEW claims:

21. (New) The extender of claim 1, further comprising means for providing identifying information, via the extender, in order to gain access to the secure data.

22. (New) A portable extender adapted for use by a visiting nurse, the extender comprising:

means for establishing a wireless data communication with a remote location;

means for downloading a patient visit schedule from the remote location;

a video camera for verifying the identity of the visiting nurse;

means for downloading secure data corresponding to a patient treatment and prescription plan from the remote location in response to verifying the identity of the visiting nurse;
means for displaying the patient treatment and prescription plan;
means for establishing a wireless data communication with a medical device implanted in a patient being visited by the nurse;
means for downloading diagnostic data from the medical device; and
a touch screen coupled to and providing means for the nurse to activate the means for establishing the wireless data communication with the remote location, the video camera, the means for downloading the secure data, the means for establishing the wireless data communication with the medical device, and the means for downloading the diagnostic data.

23. (New) A method implemented in a portable extender, comprising:
establishing a wireless data communication with a remote location in response to a touch screen activation by a user;
downloading a patient visit schedule from the remote location in response to establishing the wireless data communication;
verifying the identity of the user using a video camera image acquired by the portable extender;
downloading secure data corresponding to a patient treatment and prescription plan from the remote location in response to verifying the identity;
displaying the patient treatment and prescription plan;
establishing a wireless data communication with a medical device implanted in a patient in response to a touch screen activation by the user; and
downloading diagnostic data from the medical device in response to establishing the wireless data communication.